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The Pastor Speaks:

TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD

XXXVIII. LOVING OTHERS AS OURSELVES

We closed our last article with the prayer of Christ "that they all may be one". (John XVII, 21) There is no doubt that the perfect union of all the members of the Mystical Body would bring about immediately the realisation of a Better World.

One wonders how, after being convinced of the truth of the Mystical Body, there can still be Christians who do not live up to the mark and who, although pretending and rejoicing to be members of such a wondrous Body, live a selfish life, unconcerned about their brethren or what may happen in the world and to the world. If this is so, when will the prayer of Christ be realised? When shall we hope for and finally obtain international peace, national unity and family concord? We must "strive with more zest and curiosity to master the doctrine which holds the promise of inter-

national peace, which insures the abolition of all the bitter hatreds and dislikes and prejudices that tear humanity into distrustful, hate-riven groups, and which fosters a universal brother-love, a charity broad as humanity itself, a true league of nations and a close juncture of hearts" (Fr. Daniel Lord) "Admit the truths of the Mystical Body", says Fr. Lord, "and men must move forward towards a reign of peace and love."

Characteristics of Christians

Love, charity, unity! These are the characteristics of Christians;

by them they were recognised at the very beginning of Christianity. "See", the pagans would say, speaking of the Christians, "see how they love one an other." It was a common exhortation of the Apostles, who had heard it so often and so well from the Master: "Above all things, preserve constant charity among yourselves; charity draws the veil over a multitude of sins" (I Pet. 1 V, 7). Or as St. John used to say: "Remember that we have changed over from death to life, in loving the brethren as we do" (I John III, 14), for "charity is the bond which makes us perfect" (Col. III, 14).

At the very beginning, when we started this series of articles, we spoke at length of the command of God to love Him and to love our neighbour. (Nov-Dec. 1958). We did not deal with the subject at that time, in its relation to the truth of the Mystical Body. Seen under that aspect, the greatest commandment of God opens new visions.

The greatest and the first of all the commandments consists in a double love, that of God and of men—God and man put, so to say, on the same level. Christ incorporating us in Himself has generated us as children of God. To love God means that we must love also, at the same time, His children. Explaining this truth to the doctor of the law, Christ seemed satisfied if we loved our neighbour as ourselves. It is already a great step forward in the path of virtue. For it means—for ourselves in relation to others who are also members of the Mystical Body—a greater

control on our part of our pride, our jealousy, harshness, impatience, hatred, murmuring, meanness, selfishness, antipathies; and consequently a better practice of justice; kindness, generosity, meekness and humility. Otherwise, how could we say that we really love our neighbour as ourselves if we acted in such a selfish manner? If we are members of the Mystical Body, can we discriminate in our love of the other members? Do we discriminate* in the love, care, esteem we give to the various members of our own body? And as all the members have been divinised by becoming children of God, participating through divine grace in His nature, the love for each member must be the same as the love we show ourselves.

Equality of Love

There must be parity of love between all the children of God and among all the members of the same Body. To love ourselves more than others who are also children of God and members of the same Mystical Body, is to discriminate and go against the command of God. What interest we take in all the things that concern us personally; how indulgent we are towards ourselves; how we protect most carefully any one of our members, be it our head, our arm or our foot! We try not only to prevent any harm to any part of our body, but we surround it with the greatest care and attention. Thus the Lord wishes, or better, commands that we do so with our brethren. It can be translated into a simple formula which is commonly used in all languages "Do to others what you

would like to be done to you ; do not do to others what you would not like to be done to you." To accept this formula and to live it is hard, but it is beautiful, for it is the precept of the Lord.

But still more is required of us if we wish to live in relation with our acquired dignity as members of the Mystical Body of Christ. The love we express to our brethren, the help we give to our neighbours, is not only expressed or given to the children of God, and thus indirectly to God, but it is expressed and done to God Himself, and immediately. And if we deny our love or our help to any of our neighbours, we deny it to God. It is sufficient to recall to memory the scene presented by Our Lord Himself when He pronounced the sentence which will be delivered in favour of those who will be saved and against those who will be condemned : those will be saved who loved and helped ; those will be damned who did not want to love or help their brethren. But consider the intimate reason or nature of the sentence : because what the just had done to others was as if they

had done it to Christ Himself, and what the wicked had refused to do to others, was as if they had refused to do it for Christ Himself (Matthew XXV, 40-46). This goes then much further : there is no need of a double love, of God and of man ; one love seems to suffice.

Indeed if with Christ, we form one Body, He the Head and we the Members, we cannot love the Members without loving the Head, just as we cannot despise the Members without despising the Head. The whole Body has to be loved. We are the Body of Christ. We are thus in contact with the Head and the Members. In contact with men, the members, we touch Christ, Our Head. To treat a man, a member, well is to treat Christ, the Head, well and, vice versa, not to care for a man is to despise Christ.

We thus cannot stop any more with loving our brethren as we love ourselves, but we must love them as we love Christ, Our Head.

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Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore.

ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE Bishop Carvalho's Health

His Excellency Dr. F. A. Carvalho, Auxiliary Bishop, who was suffering from glaucoma of the eyes, had his left eye operated upon by Dr. Ramalingam, Superintendent, at the Ophthalmic Hospital, on Tuesday 11th July. The operation was a success but His Excellency is not permitted to read or attend to any business for a month. He has had, however, the consolation of saying Mass on Sundays and feastdays, and assisting at it other days in the Archbishop's oratory. On Tuesday 8th August he resumed the celebration of daily Mass.

A Great, Magnanimous Missionary

[The following is part of the eulogy pronounced by His Grace the Archbishop at the funeral of the late Fr. C. Mauri, S.D.B., on the 11th July 1961, in the Sacred Heart Church, Tirupattur, North Arcot.]

FORTY-EIGHT hours ago nobody would have thought that we would meet here for such a function. For the ways of God are quite different from our own and it is hard to understand them because of our limitations. The Spaniards say that God writes always aright but with crooked characters. He sends us disease but He has an end, an object, an aim, in view, which we do not see but which we must adore in obedience, in submission. For His will is the way of salvation for the world, and as such has to be accepted by the world.

When a telephone message announced to me yesterday the sudden and unexpected death of our dear good Father Mauri, I remained for a moment silent, I could not think any more, for I was expecting that after some time he would return to us stronger than before. God has decided differently and, as I have said, we have to submit to His Will.

Father Mauri was born in the north of Italy, in Lombardy, 51 years ago of a good and pious family. He joined the aspirantate of the Salesians when he was already over 20 years of age. He came to Assam to continue his philosophy in 1931 or 1932, if I remember well, for I received him and I was immediately impressed by the maturity of his judgement and by his piety and his great confidence in Almighty God, for he had experienced that confidence

already when he was young and that experience had implanted in him the belief that there is a Providence and that God is good. After his philosophy he came to the South, for he was sent by the Superiors to India not to remain in Assam but to finish his studies and come down to the South. Unfortunately he did not at that time enjoy good health. He was suffering from T.B. He was sent to St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore, where he was given all the care they could and even gold injections, which saved him, and he came back cured of that sickness, of which he never spoke any more or felt anything afterwards.

In 1940 I had the joy of ordaining him priest here in Tirupattur. This church did not exist. The chapel was too small and therefore Mgr. Carreno, who was then the superior of the house, thought of having the ceremony of ordination on the stage. Thus it was that we had on the stage the ordination of Fr. Mauri on 21st December 1940. He remained here for some time, for from the beginning he showed that he had an inclination to labour and work for the formation of young clerics. Later he was sent to Yercaud and, if Yercaud is what it is today, it is because of the seed which had been planted by Fr. Mauri in the years he was there. All the young clerics, and the theologians in particular, who have been with him will bear witness to you of his

broadmindedness. He was magnanimous, and this is one of the virtues I want you to imitate. In Lombardy, where there are generous and magnanimous people, he had imbibed that virtue deep from his childhood, and those of Poonamallee know very well how very magnanimous and generous he was to them. I could notice it when it was a matter of scrutinizing before their ordination the candidates who had to be ordained. He was always excusing them and trying to show that if there had been some faults on their part, there was certainly room for amendment and progress.

After having been in Yercaud, he was sent to Poonamallee and you know more than I do what he has done. But one thing you might not know is his great confidence in Almighty God. I have two instances for your consideration and good example. When we had in mind the construction of the chapel in Poonamallee I was a bit reluctant, for it meant more than a lakh of rupees, and at that time already we had some great works on our hands so that I thought it would probably be rash to undertake this also. But he encouraged me: "This is a work which is necessary for the Seminary and I assure Your Grace that we shall receive all the funds necessary to achieve it." He was a prophet. His trust in Providence was rewarded amply. He himself with the help of his collaborators, Fr. Lens and others, gathered Rs. 25,000. But afterwards we found an American lady who paid the cost of the church. And if we have today a beautiful church, a

pious chapel, in the Seminary of Poonamallee, it is due to the great confidence of our dear and good Fr. Mauri.

Before starting the extension to the Seminary, which I am sorry he will not be here to see when it is completed, he wanted to build it on a big scale and I was frightened a little. He said, "Your Grace, go on. As Our Lady has come to our help in the past, she will come again. I shall write to Rome, to the "Opus Sancti Petri," and you will see we shall receive what is necessary to complete the extension of the Seminary, which is a necessity if we wish to prepare our priests well. And it was so. He wrote to Rome and the first answer was consoling. When we had come to the end of the first subsidy, he wrote again to Rome and got a second subsidy. And now that we are short of money, I told him, 'Come on, knock at the door for the third time', and he did so. And I am glad to let you know that a month ago, just before his sickness, we received from Rome the assurance that in November they would consider the petition of Fr. Mauri and send again a third subsidy for the extension which we have undertaken in the Seminary of Poonamallee. When we have the extension, my dear children, especially you my dear seminarians, do not forget that it is due to the faith and confidence of Fr. Mauri.

I do not say more because you easily understand my feelings at this moment. But one thing I wish to point out to you: what is necessary in life is to imitate Almighty God in His immensity,

His largeness of heart, and Fr. Mauri has been such a magnanimous soul. Nobody can say that he has seen Fr. Mauri losing his temper, or irritable, or scolding severely some of the seminarians. He has always followed the path of quiet reasoning, the path of understanding, the path of charity, and this is what we should place before us for our consideration and meditation, and promise him that we shall follow his good example.

My dear children, I am glad that I could come and participate

in this function. For I wish to pay here publicly a tribute of gratitude, of veneration, to this great, great missionary who had come and who was sent for the good of the country, for the good of India, for the good of Indians, and especially for the good of the youth dedicated and consecrated to Almighty God. May his soul rest in peace and may our prayers soon continue to help him to reach the bosom of Almighty God, if God in His mercy still wants him to stay in purgatory.

Burse in Honour of Fr. C. Mauri

It has been decided to honour the memory of the late Fr. Celestine Mauri, s.D.B., by instituting a burse in remembrance of his eight years of substantial, self-sacrificing work at the Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee, for the education of students for the priesthood.

The amount of the burse would be Rs. 10,000, the interest from which would be utilised for the education of a candidate for the priesthood at the Seminary in Poonamallee. This appeal is made particularly to all the priests and seminarians in the archdiocese, but also to every member of the faithful who feels grateful for the ministration of the clergy and for the graces received through the priesthood,—all of whom are requested to contribute generously and quickly so that the target of Rs. 10,000 may soon be realised. Donations may kindly be sent to the Very Rev. Rector, Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee. They will be acknowledged in "Madras-Mylapore". The institution of this burse has the warm approval and blessing of His Grace the Archbishop, who has given a personal donation of Rs. 500.

The Late Very Rev. Mgr. G. Mora, S.D.B.

By Fr. Thomas Joseph

MGR. Mora passed away on Sunday, 6th August at the Don Bosco High School, Katpadi, after half a century of apostolic labour in Tanjore, Madras and Vellore.

Mgr. Mora was born in the tiny hamlet of Santa Cristina in North Italy in 1886; after his early education he joined the Salesian Congregation, and was ordained priest at Turin in 1912. The same year he left for India, the dream-land of his early youth. Arriving at Tanjore, he began his apostolic work under Mgr. E. Mederlet at the St. Francis Xavier's Industrial School and Orphanage and in the Sacred Heart Parish where he worked for 16 years.

The second period of his apostolic work commenced when the Salesians took over the Archdiocese of Madras in 1928: Mgr. Mora became the Vicar General, which office he admirably held till he resigned in 1940, due to the war restrictions on persons of Italian nationality. Meanwhile he was fully absorbed in his office as Rector of the Sacred Heart Seminary at Poonamallee. In fact, right from 1928 he was associated with the Minor Seminary at Kondi Chetty Street; and when the Major Seminary was started in July 1936, Mgr. Mora became the first Rector and he took up his residence at Poonamallee. Under the paternal solicitude of Mgr. Mora the Seminary grew up to its present stature as one of the foremost training institutions for priests in India. After 16 years of painstaking and self-sacrificing work as Rector, he retired in July 1953 to take charge of the Ecclesiastical Institute at Luz and, a year later, the Preparatory Seminary at San Thome. But after two years at San Thome he was forced to retire to Katpadi due to failing health. Thus he had spent the best part of his life, well over 24 years, for our Archdiocese.

Mgr. Mora by his piety and zeal has been an inspiration and guidance to all his confreres and pupils: his simplicity and dedication to duty have been remarkable; well over 100 priests will remember him with gratitude for leading them to the Altar of God.

May his soul rest in peace.

(See also the account by Fr. C. Valoggia on page 199)

An Irreparable Loss

(A tribute to the late Very Rev. Fr. C. Mauri, S.D.B.)

WITH hearts full of sorrow we, the staff and Seminarians of the Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee, announce the sad, sudden demise of our beloved Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Celestine Mauri, S.D.B. He guided the destinies of the Seminary for over eight years and had proved himself all this while a perfect reflection of Don Bosco, according to whom the Salesian Rector must be a Father, a Teacher and a Superior. Indeed he was an affectionate Father, an efficient Teacher and a benevolent Superior.

Fr. Mauri, who was suffering from acute pains in the back, was removed to the Government Stanley Hospital, Royapuram, on the 26th June 1961. While undergoing severe and painful treatment for the disease, complications set in and he began registering a very high temperature from the 5th of July. The Doctors were unable to diagnose the cause of the high fever. On the 10th morning, he took a turn for the worse and the temperature rose steadily until it reached an unbelievable 108° F. The doctors tried to cool the over-heated body, but all their efforts were in vain. The end came unexpectedly at 12.32 P.M. on the same day.

Very Rev. Fr. J. Med, Salesian Provincial, Fr. O. Mantovani, S.D.B., and two clerics from the Seminary assisted him in his last moments. He was given all the comforts of our Religion and winged his way to his Creator, leaving behind a mourning community at Poenamallee.

Austere towards himself, magnanimous towards others, a model religious to his confreres, a good father to his charges, a wise guide to his spiritual children, Very Rev. Fr. C. Mauri has built for

himself a monument of undying gratitude in the hearts of all who came under his care.

Inscrutable are the ways of God. 'Man proposes and God disposes'. None of us ever thought that the angel of death would take away our beloved Rector when we needed him most. His sudden and unexpected death is an irreparable loss not only for us Seminarians, his beloved children in Christ Jesus, but also for the Salesian Congregation and the Church in India.

Alas, his bearded and venerable face that radiated cheer and happiness to all those who came in contact with him, will smile no more. The unction of his speech and the tremor of his voice is hushed for ever. We will no longer hear his encouraging and inviting words, *Caro! How is this great man? What good things have you to tell me?* Our grief is all the deeper, because he loved us as a loving father loves his children. And we too loved and esteemed him from the depths of our hearts.

His ambition was to become a missionary and work for the salvation of souls. But God had

another design for him, that of shaping, forming and guiding young men to become other Christs, who would spend their energies and talents for the spread of the kingdom of Jesus Christ in the various parts of India and Thailand.

Ever since he was appointed as Rector of the Sacred Heart Seminary, his heart and mind were for the welfare of his Seminarians and the progress of the Seminary. His soundness of judgment, his broad outlook on life, his magnanimity of heart, his pleasant behaviour and his ability to manage difficult situations, were powerful assets for his office of Rector. The experience he gained in directing and moulding young men in the Salesian houses of formation at Tirupattur and Yercaud had fitted him for his highly responsible and noble task of Rector of the Sacred Heart Seminary. Though he was handicapped for the past few years by ill health and the vicissitudes of illness, he never failed to carry out his duties. 'Service before self' was truly characteristic of our late Father Rector. Drawing strength and courage from the motto of St. Paul, "I most gladly will spend and be spent", he spent himself for the well-being of his beloved Seminarians. He not only worked hard but over-worked. In the short period of eight years, he accomplished what others could do only in their whole life-time.

Our welfare was his welfare; our joy, his joy; and our happiness, his happiness. Yes, he shared both our joys and sor-

rows. His room was wide open to all of us. There was no standing on ceremony nor any fixed hour of appointment. He was accessible at any part of the day. In our hours of need, doubt, anxiety and wavering we went to him and we always returned happy and encouraged, with our doubts cleared, our anxieties dispelled and our needs met. The newcomers, after spending a day or two in the Seminary, felt quite at home. They found in Father Mauri a true father to whom they could open their hearts. They realised that they would spend their seminary days in an atmosphere of joy, piety, study and gaiety.

A Builder of Sanctity

He was ever anxious to form and mould us into holy, zealous and apostolic priests who would work for the glory of God, the spread of His Church and the salvation of souls. Quoting copiously from the teachings of the recent Popes, he wanted to inculcate in us all the priestly virtues. His conferences and "goodnight talks" were all calculated to drive home to us the absolute need of building up in us deep and personal sanctity, filial devotion and loyalty to our ecclesiastical superiors, and the acquisition of sound knowledge. His great trust in the Province of God and in the powerful protection of Mary Help of Christians and his charity towards the poor were examples which we could not but admire and imitate. Fully conscious that in the modern world the priests should be both saintly and learned, he spared no effort for the intel-

lectual formation of his seminarians. Well aware of the fact that the printed word is a very efficacious means to spread the message of Jesus Christ and the doctrines of the Catholic Church, Fr. Rector gave his seminarians all possible facilities and encouragement to foster and develop their literary talents. 'Mens Nostra', with its typescript editions at the beginning of the scholastic year and at Christmas, and the printed issue at the end of the year, owes its existence to the late Father Rector.

His interests were manifold. He found the necessary means to buy typewriters and various musical instruments for the use of his seminarians. Father Mauri understood full well that a missionary without health is like a ship without fuel. "A sound mind in a sound body". He saw to it that the seminarians enjoyed good health and the sick got all the care and attention they needed. Our minds naturally go back to the Summer Villa at Yercaud where we spent our holidays in his company. He could never

think of enjoying his holidays except in the midst of his seminarians. There are many other things which we could enumerate to point out the great care and solicitude of Father Mauri for the welfare and training of his seminarians.

Though he is no more with us, his memory is enshrined in the hearts and minds of his seminarians. The Chapel and the new extension will ever remain as silent witnesses of his untiring work. But the Priests he moulded and we who are on our way to the holy priesthood will remain as living witnesses of his zeal.

We feel that he is not in need of our prayers, that he is already in the company of the blessed. The Good Master Whom he served faithfully on this earth will have no other words to say than *Euge serve bone et fidelis, intra in gaudium Domini tui*. Nevertheless, since we do not have the assurance of the Church on this point, we readily send up our prayers and sacrifices that God may give eternal rest to the soul of our late beloved Father Rector.

Talks on the Faith in Tamil

With the Talk of Fr. S. Arulappa, M.A., B.T. on Thursday 10th August concerning The Problem of Evil, there have been completed five in the series of 21 Talks on The Catholic Faith taking place weekly in the Hall of The Catholic Centre.

The attendance of approximately 200 is being kept up and there is a lively interchange of questions and answers.

The Committee of priests who drew up the programme had in mind primarily further instruction of our lay Catholics, who will thereby be enabled to intensify their apostolic life by attendance at these Talks. Non-Catholics have also been invited and quite a number have responded.

The Late Very Rev. Mgr. G. Mora, S.D.B.

By Fr. C. Valloggia, S.D.B.

In less than a month's time the Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee, mourned the death of its two Rectors, Very Rev. C. Mauri and Very Rev. Mgr. John Mora. While we were still mourning the sudden death of our beloved Fr. Mauri, on the 6th morning Very Rev. Fr. J. Med brought us the sad news of the death of our dear Mgr. Mora which occurred about 10.20 p.m. on the previous day. A group of seminarians led by the present Rector, went to Tirupattur to take part in the funeral of Mgr. Mora. The funeral took place at 6 p.m. on the 6th August. After the Requiem High Mass sung by Rev. Fr. Ondrasek, His Excellency Mgr. David Marianayagam, Bishop of Vellore, preached the funeral oration and performed the 'Exsequies'.

Mgr. Mora was born at Sancta Cristina, Piedmont, Italy, on 25th September 1886. He made his first profession on 18th September 1907 in the Salesian Congregation. He was ordained on 14th July 1912. He arrived in Tanjore on 26th November 1912. At that time the Salesians had in Tanjore a parish and an industrial school, and this was the first field of Fr. Mora's missionary apostolate. Fr. Mora worked fruitfully for 13 years in Tanjore. Then he was sent to Shillong, where he worked for three years as Rector of Don Bosco Industrial School and later as the Manager of the Catholic Orphan Press, Calcutta. In 1929 he was appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Madras.

When in 1929 His Grace Dr. Mederlet opened the Pius XI Minor Seminary, Mgr. Mora was appointed Rector. The manifold offices held by Mgr. Mora at that time will give us some idea of his great spirit and endurance for work. He was at the same time Rector of the Minor Seminary, Chancellor and Treasurer of the archdiocese, Administrator of the Cathedral, Chaplain of Fort St.

George, the General Hospital and the Penitentiary, Inspector of Diocesan Schools, and Confessor in various convents.

When His Grace Dr. L. Mathias opened his Major Seminary in Poonamallee on 8th September 1936, he found no other than Mgr. Mora to take up this all-important task of forming his future priests. For 17 years Mgr. Mora held the office of the Rector of this Seminary, during which period he formed and sent to the missions 34 priests. And the priests who went out of this Seminary in the subsequent years are also the fruit of his untiring labours. His spirit lives on in the Seminary and in the 125 priests who have gone out from this Seminary.

In 1953 Mgr. Mora was appointed Rector of the new Ecclesiastical Institute of the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore at Luz. After one year he went to Italy for a few months. On his return he was appointed Rector of the Apostolic School and the Ecclesiastical Institute. In 1957 he was transferred to Katpadi as the Rector of St. Joseph's Home.

After a year, due to ill-health he was forced to retire. From then on he stayed in Don Bosco High School, Katpadi, till his death on 5th August 1961.

Inflamed with the zeal and spirit of St. Paul and St. John Bosco, Mgr. Mora spent a big slice of his life—about fifty years—in India, the land of his adoption, preaching by word and example the great message of love. And the flame of love which he kindled in the hearts of his seminarians shall not be extinguished for generations to come.

The Seminary is preparing to

celebrate its Silver Jubilee and on the eve of the Jubilee, so to say, God has decreed to take away to their eternal reward its two Rectors who spared neither time nor energy during their term of office to bring the Seminary to maturity. Inscrutable are the ways of God! While we mourn the death of these two great Rectors, of these two great missionaries, who spent themselves and were spent for the Church in India, we shall be consoled to think that we have two intercessors in Heaven to plead for us and for the Seminary before the Throne of Grace.

Dhyana Ashram, Madras-28

Report of Teachers' Retreats held in July 1961

I. Tamil Retreat for City Women Teachers : 98.

Cathedral Free School, 8. St. Joseph's Higher Elementary School, St. Thomas' Convent, 8. Alwarpet, 7. Vepery St. Andrew's, 12. St. Philomena's, Vepery, 3. Royapettah, 2. St. Anne's, Royapuram, 7. St. Anne's, Broadway, 6. Perambur, 4. Nungambakkam, 8. Assumption, 4. Chintadripet, 7. Pushpanagar, 4 + 1 (Corporation). Egmore, 7. Covelong, 3. Poonamallee, 3. Little Mount, 4.

II. Tamil Retreat for Mofussil Women Teachers : 49.

Chingleput, 8. Avadi, 7. Pulicat, 6. Tambaram Convent School, 18. Tambaram Parish, 2. Covelong, 3. Poonamallee, 1. Royapettah, 2. Alwarpet, 2.

III. Tamil Retreat for Men Teachers and Cathechists : 33.

Teachers: 18; Cathechists: 15.

Luz, C 1. Arambakkam, C 3. St. Francis Xavier, Broadway, C 1. Kilpauk, C 1. Vepery, C 2. Little Mount, C 1. Kilachery, C 1, T 7. Avadi, Board School, T 1. Roshanagaram, C 2. Covelong, C 4, T 1. Walajabad, T 1. Pondur, T 1. Conjeevaram, T 5.

IV. Retreat for Women teachers in English will begin on the 11th. August evening and finish on the 15th. morning.

Note: The retreats fixed for September have had to be postponed to October at the request of the groups concerned viz: Young Christian Workers; two groups of students from the Bon Secours Convents of Mylapore and Alwarpet.

S. Arulsami, S.J.,
Director.

Magnificent Apostolic Work

By the Salesian Co-operators of St. Francis Xavier's Parish

The following is the report of 6 months of apostolic work which the Salesian Co-operators of St. Francis Xavier's Parish have accomplished, in close union and under the direction of their Parish Priest, from January to July 1961 :-

1. 369 Adults were led to Sunday Mass.
2. 1,120 Children were brought to hear Mass on Sunday.
3. 1,309 Persons were helped to make their Easter Duties.
4. 119 Persons who were not frequenting the Sacrament of Confession for years, were induced to make their confession.
5. 630 Persons were helped to say their morning and evening prayers.
6. 80 Baptisms were arranged for children. Those baptisms were being delayed by the parents.
7. 87 Adults were prepared for baptism.
8. 60 Adults were baptised due to the work of the Co-operators.
9. 70 Children were prepared for First Communion.
10. 73 Persons were prevented from going to dangerous cinema-shows.
11. 70 Persons were prevented from going with dangerous companions.
12. 770 Children were taught Catechism on Sundays.
13. 72 Children were taught Catechism daily.
14. 205 Persons were induced to say the Family Rosary.
15. 127 Families were made to recite the Family Rosary daily.
16. 26 New families who came lately to the Parish were introduced to the Parish Priest.
17. 540 Persons were taken to the Church for an Hour of Adoration.
18. 190 Persons were prevented from going to pagan temples and demonstrations.
19. 98 Persons were helped to attend Retreats.
20. 83 Persons were made to perform the nine First Fridays Devotion and receive their diploma.
21. 59 Strayed girls were rescued.
22. In 61 cases of Matrimonial disorders a helping hand was given to the Parish Priest.
23. 10 Hindu and register marriages were prevented.
24. 29 Matrimonial disorders were reported to the Parish Priest,
25. 25 Matrimonial disorders were settled.
26. 98 Destitute children were taken care of.
27. 275 Persons who were starving were given food.
28. 234 Children were helped to join Catholic schools.
29. 144 Poor persons were given house-shelters.

30. 124 Poor people were given clothing.
31. Feeding was arranged for 695 poor boys.
32. 99 Persons were prevented from going to fortune-tellers.
33. 28 Homeless families were sheltered.
34. Jobs were secured for 34 persons.
35. 727 Visits have been paid to sick persons.
36. 180 Sick persons were assisted to receive Holy Communion.
37. 72 Funerals of adults were attended.
38. 8 Funerals of children were attended.
39. 104 Families had peace re-established.
40. In 61 families unity and harmony was established between husband and wife.
41. 45 Persons were induced to attend the Parish Library.
42. 582 Catholic magazines were distributed to non-Catholic families.
43. 36 Dirty books were prevented from entering homes.
44. 154 Protestant and pagan families were visited for the sake of the apostolate.
45. 320 Catholic families were visited for apostolic work.
46. 116 Persons were induced to join a Sodality or a Catholic Association.
47. 1,739 Persons attended the Perpetual Novena in honour of Mary Help of Christians, due to the Co operators.
48. 626 Pictures of Mary Help of Christians were distributed to families.
49. In 71 families the Crucifix was enthroned.
50. 143 Families had the Sacred Heart Enthronement.
51. 102 Pagan pictures and symbols were removed from Catholic homes.
52. 371 Persons were made to wear a medal of Our Lady.
53. 101 Catholic persons had Hindu and superstitious symbols removed from their neck.
54. 460 Novena leaflets were distributed.

60,000 Copies of Marian Magazine

Besides this, the Mary Help of Christians Centre, which is being managed by the Salesian Co-operators under the guidance of Very Rev. Fr. Parish Priest, did great work in spreading the devotion to Our Lady under the glorious title of 'Help of Christians'. During the past six months 60,000 copies of the magazine entitled '*Favours and Graces*' were printed and sent to families all over India and countries abroad. The Living Rosary campaign to pray for the success of the forthcoming Ecumenical Council was kept up by the Centre. The Centre was trying to enroll members in the Sodality of Mary Help of Christians; now over 20,000 members have been enrolled in the Sodality attached to the

Marian Centre. In order to help the Sodalists, the bulletin entitled 'Mary Help of Christians' Sodalists' was published by the Centre and 7,000 copies were distributed in English and in Tamil. 4,500 Aluminium medals were distributed free or at reduced rates to make devotees wear a medal of Mary Help of Christians around their neck.

Co-operators attached to the Parish helped the Parishioners to read Catholic books. 1,080 copies of the New Leader, 720 copies of Sarvavibhagam and 350 copies of Gnanathoothan and "Madras-Mylapore" were distributed at reduced rates, due to the profound generosity of Rev. Fr. Parish Priest.

Co-operators helped Rev. Fr. Parish Priest in conducting Church services, Catholic demonstrations and the Children's Mass.

Due to the helping hand given by the Co-operators, the feasts of Mary Help of Christians and Corpus Christi were a grand success. During the month of May, the Church-attendance competition was conducted successfully. Due to this competition 15,723 persons attended Holy Mass and 11,836 persons were made to attend evening services during the month of May.

With the help of the Co-operators two free Night Schools are being maintained in the Parish. A word of thanks must go to Mr. K. S. Mariasusai for conducting the Night School successfully in Assirvathapuram. The Salesian Co-operators arranged for the starting of a Night School in the Harbour area under the kind patronage of Rev. Fr. Parish Priest. A fund was started by conducting a raffle for the Night School at the Harbour and the net proceeds of Rs. 457/- have been deposited for the purpose. The Night School also helps the people of the Harbour area to conduct their prayers and Sunday evening Mass. These children were also given facilities to have sports both in the Church compound and at the Harbour locality, where three Salesian Co-operators have begun a small Oratory.

Let Mary Help of Christians be thanked for having given the Salesian Co-operators the opportunity and help to perform all these good works. May she make them still greater apostles.

Very Rev. Mgr. P. P. Lobo of Vallarpuram lost his mother on the 1st of August. She passed away in her home in Goa, with her priest son and two other sons by her side—R.I.P.

The Leonine Prayers after Mass

By Mgr. A. Pereira de Andrade

THE Leonine Prayers after Mass, which are to be omitted after a Solemn High Mass (*Missa Solemnis*), are to be said after a Low Mass (*Missa Lecta*). They are, however, permitted to be omitted after certain Low Masses.

1. The Sacred Congregation of Rites by Decree No. 3697, ad 7, of 7-12-1888, for the first time permitted these Prayers to be omitted after a Conventual Low Mass. The Instruction of the Sacred Congregation of Rites of 3-9-1958, by order of Pope Pius XII, in No. 35, defines what a Conventual Mass is: "Among those liturgical functions which are regarded as having especial dignity, that which is known as 'Conventual Mass' or 'Mass in Choir', is very rightly included. This is the Mass which is celebrated daily, in connection with the Divine Office, by those who are bound by the Church's law to Choir service" . . .

2. Then came the Decree No. 4271, ad 2, of 8-6-1911, granting the same privilege to the First Friday Mass celebrated with the privilege of a Solemn Votive Mass *pro re gravi*. The Congregation considered this Mass as having the privileges of a Solemn Mass. But now it is a Votive Mass of III class.

3. Finally came the Decree No. 4305 of 20-6-1913. It was asked whether the privilege of the First Friday Mass, allowing omission of the Leonine Prayers, could be applied also to low Masses on a General Communion Day, First Communion, Sacred Confirmation or *pro Sponsis*. The Sacred Congregation replied in the affirmative,

if the Mass was celebrated with some solemnity, or if, without the celebrant's leaving the altar, immediately and duly some sacred function or pious exercise followed the Mass.

4. Now some Ordinaries asked the Sacred Congregation, if the privilege granted in Decree No. 4305 could be extended also to dialogue Masses. The Sacred Congregation replied on 9-3-1960 that the Leonine Prayers could be omitted:

1) When a Mass is celebrated *pro Sponsis*, or on the occasion of First Communion, General Communion, Sacred Confirmation, Sacred Ordination or Religious Profession;

2) When immediately and duly after Mass any function or pious exercise follows;

3) When a homily is preached within the Mass;

4) When there is a dialogue Mass on Sundays or Feast-days only.

After the promulgation of the New Rubrics there has been much discussion as to what is to be understood by Feast-days. Some have maintained that by Feast-days are understood Feast-days of Obligation, while others maintain that by Feast-days are understood all Feast-days in accordance with the New Rubrics,

and hence of I II and III Class, and therefore they omit the Leonine Prayers practically throughout the year.

Fortunately the controversy is now ended. The Most Rev. Leo F. Dworschak, Bishop of Fargo (U.S.A.), asked the Sacred Congregation of Rites whether by the term Feast-days is to be understood I, II and III Class Feast-days. The Sacred Congregation replied: "Et Sacra Rituum Congregation, re diligenter perpensa, proposito dubio, respondit: Intellegi festa duntaxat primae et secundae classis (feast-days of the I and II class only). Atque ita rescripsit et declaravit, die 7 mensis Decembris 1960." This is not a reply to a particular Bishop, and therefore not binding others. It is only a solution of a doubt; hence all can follow it.

5 Now, finally, over and above these concessions by General Law, comes a special concession by the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide on 14-2-1961 to the Dioceses of Madras State (Tamil Nad). The Leonine Prayers may be omitted in *Parochial Masses only*, whenever there is in a Low Mass singing by the Choir or Congregation.

Now what kind of singing is permitted in Low Masses? The Instruction of the Sacred Congregation of Rites of 3-9-1958,

No. 33, rules; "In Low Masses the people may sing hymns, provided that these are truly suited to the different parts of the Mass (cf. n. 14 b.)"

No. 14 b) rules: "In Low Masses the Latin language is to be used by the priest-celebrant, the server, and the faithful who take part with the priest *directly* in the liturgy, that is, by reciting in a clear voice those parts of the Mass which are allotted to them (cf. n. 31).—But if, in addition to this *direct* liturgical participation, the people desire to add certain prayers or congregational hymns according to local customs, it is lawful to use the vernacular for these."

Although the Votive Mass of First Friday does not specifically come in the most recent Decree on Leonine Prayers, yet it will fall under any of the classes on which days these Prayers may be omitted, either because of General Communion of Reparation, or because pious devotions for the First Friday follow the Mass, or because there is Benediction after Mass, or a Sermon within the Mass, or there is singing during Mass as mentioned above or a First Communion Service, or Sacred Ordination, or Religious Profession, or a dialogue Mass, not the special Votive of III Class, but of a First or Second-Class Feast, as it happens sometimes.

AROUND THE PARISHES

ST. ANDREW'S, VEPERY

First Mass Celebration

A very special feature that marked a high-light in the annals of St. Andrew's Church, Vepery, was the first Solemn High Mass celebrated by Reverend Father Antony, S.D.B., on Sunday the 2nd July 1961. Though by no means the first in this parish, it was touching and inspiring, as the young celebrant, a product of St. Andrew's, had spent most of his youth here. Orphaned at a very early age, God had singled him out as a very special soul, in which to plant the seed of a religious vocation, which he zealously guarded and nurtured. With the unfailing help of his revered Parish Priest, V. Rev. Monsignor D. Raju, his great goal was attained, and today he has come forth to share, with other good priests of God, the labours and fruits of the apostolic field.

After the Mass, a large crowd of relatives, friends and well-wishers gathered in the Parish Hall, to honour the new representative of the Eternal Priest. Addresses in Malayalam and English, garlands and souvenirs were presented, after which he touchingly thanked the Parish Priest, his superiors, some of whom were present, and all who had come to felicitate him on this happy day. He exhorted good Catholic parents to foster religious vocations in their children, and fill the vineyard of the Lord with untiring labourers. At the close, many of those present reverently kissed the anointed hands of the newly-ordained Priest.

LEGION OF MARY

Madras Tamil Curia

The Madras Tamil Curia celebrated its Out-Door Function this year at Avadi on Sunday the 23rd July 1961.

At 10 A.M. the Legionaries arrived at Avadi Railway Station from all parts of the City and proceeded on a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady in solemn procession, reciting the Holy Rosary on the way and singing hymns after each decade. After reciting the Legion opening prayers in the church, the members quenched their thirst with a cup of hot coffee and assembled at the school hall where a short speech was given by the Senatus Presidents explaining the object of the Out-Door function and exhorting the members to get themselves acquainted with each other.

Immediately after, a musical item with mouth organ by a member of the Avadi praesidium kept every one engaged in the game that followed. The game was also very enterprising as it included some questions and answers requiring the explanation of very important Legion duties, which gave an opportunity for many to learn several new things.

At this juncture, Very Rev. Fr. J. Santhanam, S.D.B., arrived and took part in the function and with his jovial talk kept the Legionaries in roaring laughter.

A sumptuous biryani lunch followed this, preceded by the Angelus and Catena.

At 2-30 P.M. two games of 'HOUSE' went on well, with

prize distribution. At 3 P.M. Rev. Fr. Santhanam in his allocution stressed the need of the co-operation of the members with their parish priests in all their endeavours and dwelt on the humility, obedience and sacrifice each Legionary should practice to attain the Legion apostolate. This was followed by a discussion at which the Senatus President presided and cleared all the doubts brought forward by the audience.

At 4 P.M. a nice 'karam' and tea was served, while a group photo was taken by Rev. Fr. Santhanam who was thanked by all the legionaries for his very kind generosity in gracing the occasion with his presence.

At 5 P.M. the function concluded with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the concluding prayers recited in the church, and with a vote of thanks extended by Sr. Boopathyammal (President of the Madras Tamil Curia) to Rev. Fr. Philip, the Special Director at Avadi, for all the comforts provided for this function and to all the members who participated in this function and made it a success.

Two Spiritual Directors and about 135 members participated in the function.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S, BROADWAY

St. Maria Goretti's Feast

The youth, and in a particular manner the girls of St. Francis Xavier's Parish, had the consolation of seeing before them the sweet figure of St. Maria Goretti for several days in preparation for

the feast held in her honour by them on July 7th. During the triduum that preceded it, all the girls of the Parish assembled for Rosary and Eucharistic Benediction and gathered around the Saint every evening to pray to get her strength for virtue. During the Masses of the Feast, sermons on the Saint were delivered in Tamil by Rev. Fr. Devadoss, S.D.B., who illustrated the life of the wonderful Saint in an attractive manner to all the Parishioners. He also sang the High Mass. In English the sermon was delivered during the 4th Mass by Rev. Fr. Jacob, S.D.B. On the evening of the Feast once again all the youth of the Parish, after the usual Sunday Catechism school and sports, gathered around St. Maria Goretti. In spite of the weather they could hold a beautiful car procession followed by Eucharistic Benediction and the kissing of the relic of St. Maria Goretti, the present that was sent to our Parish in 1950, the year of the canonization of the Saint, by the Rev. Passionist Fathers of Rome. May the Saint protect the girls of our Parish and give us plenty of imitators of her heroic virtue.

Feast of the "Magnificat"

The beginning of the month of July was marked by the Feast of the Presentation of Our Blessed Lady. On the eve of this Feast, in place of the usual Saturday Marian devotion, the whole congregation, a big number of lovers of Our Blessed Lady, gathered before Mary Help of Christians on a temporary altar prepared in the open to celebrate the Feast of the Magnificat, i.e., to recall to our

people's minds the great moment when Our Blessed Lady uttered that canticle at the visitation of St. Elizabeth. The service began with a hymn, and after every mystery the 'Magnificat' was recited by different parishioners in five different languages (English, Malayalam, Italian, Tamil and Latin). After these inspiring moments, the 'May Devotion' Church-attendance prizes were distributed. 18 families got the first prize for having attended the morning and evening service with the whole family during the month of May, without missing a single service. 11 got the second prize, and 6 the third prize. Then individual prizes were distributed to children for the same fidelity to the services. The prizes were distributed by Rev. Fr. T. Sundararaj, Holy Redeemer's Church, Trichy, who immediately after gave a beautiful sermon on the devotion towards Our Blessed Lady and on the service he had just witnessed. Eucharistic Benediction put an end to the function.

The Nine Fridays' Devotion

Since the year 1959 the Parish started a real crusade to help every Parishioner to perform the Nine Fridays Devotion and to help everyone to do it properly, i.e., till the end of the ninth Friday. It is a crusade that has consoling results, though it presents some difficulties. Too many, even with help, do not succeed in performing the practice till the end.

Many cases are helped by our Parish Co-workers, a group of select lay people. A card is distributed on the eve of the first

Friday of the month. The one who receives it is recommended to bring it every Friday and to place it on the Communion Rail after Holy Communion is received. The card is then collected and the Parish Priest checks it and initials it every month. After the work of checking, the Parish Priest keeps all the cards upto the following eve of the first Friday, when some from among the laity go to every house and distribute them again, reminding people that the following day is the day to receive Holy Communion and putting into their heart the resolution not to interrupt the devotion. In spite of this a number of people forget, but it is consoling to see how repeatedly the devotion is resumed till they succeed in performing it without any interruption. Thus

in Sep. 1959, 81 diplomas were distributed.

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| in Oct. | 1959, | 39 | " | " |
| in Nov. | 1959, | 7 | " | " |
| in May | 1960, | 31 | " | " |
| in June | 1960, | 18 | " | " |
| in Oct. | 1960, | 36 | " | " |
| in June | 1961, | 61 | " | " |

A total of 288 diplomas have already been solemnly distributed in the Church to those who have performed this devotion. It is a devotion which is very much at heart to everyone, since the Sacred Heart of Jesus has promised eternal salvation to those who perform it. It was consoling to see the number of people who received this diploma at the end of the month of the Sacred Heart this year. Further, a big number of people are going on performing this devotion and they are helped

by the Parish Co-workers to be faithful to it. Some zealous people are doing only this work in the Parish, to raise new devotees to the Sacred Heart to honour Him with this devotion, and by so doing to have their own eternal salvation ensured.

THE SEMINARY, POONAMALLEE

The Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee, records in its annals the 20th July, 1961 as a red-letter day. It was on this day, the triple anniversary (74th of birth, 48th of ordination and 26th of enthronement as archbishop) of His Grace the Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore, that he visited us, as he had promised earlier, to make the solemn announcement of the appointment of our new Rector.

His Grace arrived at 11. a.m. We all welcomed him with loving and expectant hearts. The Superiors too were anxious to see him. After a brief talk with them, His Grace, followed by the staff, came to the study-hall. There he proclaimed that Rev. Fr. C. Valloggia was appointed Rector of our Seminary. Our ears could hardly believe the good news until it was confirmed by the garlanding of V. Rev. Fr. Valloggia amid loud clapping. Our joy knew no bounds.

His Grace then spoke of our late Rector, especially of his confidence in Divine Providence which in particular brought about the erection of the Deacons' quarters costing three lakhs of rupees and, some years earlier, of the beautiful chapel that is the pride of the Seminary. Our new Rector then

spoke to us and asked our co-operation in placing the entire work he was assuming in the hands of Jesus and His Holy Mother.

It was now lunch time and His Grace told us to lead him to the Refectory if we loved him. This we gladly did.

After a sumptuous lunch we gathered around His Grace who kept us cheerful for some time. He also told us about His Excellency's health and said that he now looks at people with a black eye (due to the black spectacles he wears, because of the operation on his left eye). He gave us the good news that Fr. James Kottoor, an alumnus of our Seminary, would be going to Rome for higher studies and that we would get another Father on the staff to fill the vacancy left by our late Rector.

After this he gave us his blessing and, after visiting the Blessed Sacrament, His Grace moved off to Madras. Thus the 20th of July 1961 was an added joy for His Grace and for the Seminary of the Sacred Heart at Poonamallee.

On Tuesday the 24th H.E. Bishop Carvalho paid us a visit in the evening at 7 p.m. He thanked us for our united prayers during his illness and said he was well now. He condoled with us on the sudden death of our former Rector. Afterwards he congratulated our new Rector and exhorted each one of us to co-operate with him in everything and in the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the Seminary this year. He then imparted his blessing and left.

PALLAVARAM

Corpus Christi Procession

The Feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated at St. Francis Xavier's Parish, Pallavaram, on the 30th July. The great day dawned with brilliant sunshine after a spell of heavy showers. Our grateful thanks to Our Heavenly Mother for granting the requests of her children.

The High Altar was beautifully decorated with fresh flowers and silken drapery by the Sodalists and the Legion of Mary. The spacious compound presented a delightful view of multicoloured flags, cocoanut palms and tube-lights, the decorations being done by the Catholic Workers who worked all day to make it a success for the glory of God. A temporary altar was erected and tastefully decorated with fresh flowers and illuminations. This was the centre of attraction—a credit to the Nuns and Teachers.

At 5.30 p.m. a High Mass was sung by Rev. Fr. K.L. Satur (an old boy of Pallavaram). The choir rendered excellent music. Punctually at 6.30 p.m. the Blessed Sacrament was carried out in procession by Mgr. R. Arulappa, assisted by Rev. Frs. Anthoni Das and P. Joseph. The procession moved out of the Church and proceeded along the compound, the scene of a large gathering of Clergy, Religious and Parishioners. The procession wended its way to the Convent for the First Benediction, led by the Cross-bearer and followed by the Banners of the respective organisations. The Rosary was recited, interspersed with the singing of Hymns to the

Blessed Sacrament. After the Benediction the procession returned to the Church amid the ringing of joy bells. Then this memorable service came to a close with the final Benediction. A notable feature of the occasion was the orderly formation of the procession and the co-operation and co-ordination of the various Parish Organisations, which made this year's procession a grand success.

ST. ANNE'S, ROYAPURAM

Feast of Saint Anne

The month of July, bringing with it the feast of St. Anne, our dear Patroness, is an excellent time to learn more about her virtues and to imitate her. Her life is noted for her prolonged penance and prayer, for she was the chosen vessel of God, pre-destined to bring forth the noblest of His creatures, Mary most pure.

As in the past, so this year, we prepared for the Saint's feast by a novena of prayer. As a mark of honour and reverence towards the patroness of our schools, each school, namely, the High School, the Elementary School and the Industrial School vied with one another to celebrate the Novena in a grander way than usual. On the three days preceding the feast, there was Sung Mass in the morning and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening, followed by the kissing of the relic of St. Anne, while the choir sang beautifully hymns in praise of St. Anne.

Sunday the 23rd July, being the first day of the Triduum, there was a High Mass sung by

Rev. Fr. A. J. Stanislaus. The choir rendered exquisite music. An impressive and touching sermon was preached after the Gospel, to exhort the religious and the laity to have a special devotion to our beloved mother, St. Anne. There was exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the whole day, when our dear Lord, the sweet Grandson of our good Mother St. Anne, was publicly adored, praised, loved by turns, by the religious community and the children.

On the 25th evening solemn Vespers was sung by Rev. Fr. J. Nazarene Rodriguez, assisted by Rev. Fr. P. C. Inniah and Rev. Fr. A. J. Stanislaus. The 26th July was a grand day of rejoicing and felicitation. His Grace the Most Rev. Louis Mathias, our Archbishop, said Holy Mass in the convent chapel, beautifully decorated for the occasion. The chapel was full to its capacity and many attended the Holy Table. After Mass, sweets were distributed to the school children and the day was spent in great rejoicing.

In the evening a beautiful statue of St. Anne, tastefully decorated on a car, was taken in procession around the convent compound, gaily decked with festoons of many coloured flags, garlands and flowers. More than 700 children, many lay people and some distinguished persons took part in it. At the end Rev. Fr. Nazarene Rodriguez preached an interesting and instructive sermon wherein he laid stress on Religious Vocations and encouraged and exhorted the people to dedicate their children to the service

of God. He pointed out that each one of us could become saints, nay even greater saints than St. Anne who lived before the days of our Lord and had not the benefit of the Sacraments, if we would only follow the path of perfection sincerely. The feast came to a close with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the kissing of the relic of the Saint.

St. Anne's Girls High School S.S.L.C. Results, 1961

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| No. of pupils presented | — | 42 |
| No. passed | — | 40 |
| Percentage of passes | — | 96% |
| No. of Catholics presented | — | 5 |
| No. of Catholics passed | — | 5 |
| Percentage of passes | — | 100% |

BON SECOURS CONVENT, MYLAPORE

Sr. Mary Euphrasia, F.B.S.

On the 5th August 1961, the first Saturday of the month, Our Lady took under her mantle a soul that was pleasing to her and her dear Son. The selected soul was Sr. Mary Euphrasia of Bon Secours Convent, Mylapore. She was sixty-six years of age and in the forty-fourth year of her Religious life. She passed away peacefully after a prolonged illness of four years. R.I.P. She had worked for the Congregation in various ways. She was in charge of the dispensary at Cavelong where there is a home for the aged. Though an untrained nurse, she could treat all the minor ailments that came to her. She was also the Novice Mistress for six years and the Procurator

in the Mother House at Mylapore for six years. From 1953 to 1957 she was the Local Superior in the Mother House.

The funeral ceremony was conducted by Very Rev. Mgr. P. L. Jeganathan, Spiritual Director of the Congregation, and he was assisted by Rev. Father R. Antony, Treasurer, Archbishop's House, and Rev. Father A. S. D'Rosario, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Guidance Church, Mylapore. In spite of the heavy shower of rain, the inmates of the Convent followed the funeral cortege to the Quibble Island ground where the burial took place at 4 p.m. on Sunday the 6th August.

CHINTADRIPET

Church of the Queenship of Mary

Fancy Fete

The Parish of Chintadripet was busy for about two months preparing for this Fancy Fete. The purpose was to raise some money for the repairs of St. Antony's Church, Narasingapuram, and for other urgent needs of the Parish. The Fete was held on the 6th of August 1961 at the Chintadripet Church Compound, from 3.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. There was also a simple social after the Fancy Fete.

The Fete was declared open by the Sheriff of Madras, Sri R.N. Dave, J.P. While declaring it open the Sheriff said that he was very happy to associate himself with the Priests and Parishioners of Chintadripet Church, who were trying their best to be of help to themselves and to the poor people around. He spoke also in glowing terms about the great work the

missionaries from abroad have done and are doing in this country. He said that the country owed a debt of gratitude to the Christian missionaries for their generous sacrifice of themselves and their means for the welfare of the poor people. He had also a word of advice for the children. He wanted them to be serious about their studies and prepare themselves to shoulder the responsibilities of future citizens and leaders of the country. The Parish Priest, while introducing the Sheriff to the gathering, said that it was really the Providence of God that made it possible for Shri. Dave to come and inaugurate the Fete. The Parish Priest gave unstinted praise for the social and humanitarian activities in which Mr. Dave is very busily engaged.

The Sheriff was then taken around to different stalls and he showed keen interest in all the stalls. As Mr. Dave had other pressing engagements, he took leave of the gathering.

The Parish Priest and the Assistant feel greatly indebted to all those who have worked very hard in making the Fancy Fete a success beyond expectations. Special mention has to be made of Sgt. Poulose of Tambaram who gave us the generous contribution of his hard work and talents. Mr. R. B. Singh and party from St. Andrew's Vepery, who did real business with their lucky flights and tortoise race. Chevalier S. Aruldooss, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. De Monte, Mr. Francis Xavier, President, C.W.A. Madras, and Mr. Nayagam of C.W.A. need special mention for their patronage of the

Fancy Fete. Mrs. Fernandes of Vepery, who could not entertain the gathering with the Horse Race, took the trouble of coming over and making a generous donation to the Parish, and Mrs. Chinna-swamy who at short notice collected a handsome amount, will be gratefully remembered by the Pastors and the Parishioners. Very Rev. Mother Kevin of St. Antony's, Pudupet, who helped the Fete with articles and her precious counsel cannot be easily forgotten.

Corpus Christi Day

Sunday 30th July 1961, was kept up as CORPUS CHRISTI DAY in the Parish. The Parishioners co-operated in making it a real Eucharistic Day. From 9 in the morning till 5-30 in the evening there was public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by different groups of parishioners. At 5-30 p.m. there was Holy Mass followed by sermon in Tamil on the Holy Eucharist, preached by Rev. Fr. Thomas Charath. The sermon made an impression on all present. At 6-30 p.m. the procession slowly came out of the church. The faithful went round the church in orderly fashion, reciting prayers and singing hymns. Outside in the Church compound on a tastefully decorated altar Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given. The final benediction was given on the main altar of the Church.

The good number of priests who came to grace the occasion were entertained at Dinner by the Parish Priest and the Assistant. The Parish Priest and the Assistant feel very grateful to all who co-

operated in making the Corpus Christi Day in the Parish a really fruitful one, pleasing to the Eucharistic King.

ROYAPURAM

A Diamond Wedding

On 31st July Shri S. C. Arokiaswamy Mudaliar, a well respected and devout parishioner of Royapuram, led his wife, Kannammal, to the altar in St. Peter's Church to thank God for the 60 years of their married life. It is a rare privilege granted only to a chosen godfearing few to celebrate an event of such a magnitude. Without doubt it must have given them cause for immense joy and consolation to have their own son, Rev. Fr. A. Thomas, celebrate the solemn High Mass and impart to them the Jubilee benediction. Rev. Frs. Nazarene Rodriguez, the parish priest of St. Peter's Church, and A. J. Stanislaus, the Head Master of St. Peter's High School, acolyted as deacon and subdeacon respectively. The parish priest preached a touching eulogy recounting the devout and pious life of the venerable couple. The joy of the event was augmented by one of the grandsons of the Jubillarians receiving First Holy Communion at the Solemn Mass. His Grace, Dr. L. Mathias, our beloved Archbishop, who does not let slip such rare occasions to show his appreciation of his respected children, was present at the Mass and blessed the happy couple after Mass, and presented them with special tokens of his paternal love. Mr. Arokiaswamy was visibly moved by His Grace's condescension and paternal blessing.

St. Peter's Church was nearly full with the relatives and friends of the Jubilarians. Besides the Reverend Fathers who officiated at the Solemn High Mass, the Very Rev. Fr. Hilarion Lourdes and Rev. Frs. P. Anthoniadas and P.C. Inniah were also present at the Mass and blessed the happy couple.

ST. PAUL'S, TIRUVOTTIYUR Catholic Workers' Association

On July 16th, the Catholic Workers' Association was formally inaugurated. After attending at Holy Mass and Benediction at 6 P.M. the members assembled to meet Mr. Francis, the President of the C.W.A., who had been invited to preside at the occasion. Also present were Rev. Fr. J. Madathil, the spiritual director of C.W.A., and Fr. John Pillaveettil, our parish priest, Mr. Fraizer, the General Secretary of C.W.A., and Mr. Soundraraj, the president of the Casimode Unit, besides thirty members who were to be enrolled as members of the C.W.A. unit at Tiruvottiyur.

Our Parish Priest introduced to the assembly the speaker, who narrated his experiences abroad as the C.W.A. delegate. After this the parish priest announced the names of the office-bearers and committee members. Both the new-elected President, Mr. A. Antonyswamy, and the Secretary, Mr. Mahimaidoss, accepted the offices that were entrusted to them and gave their assurance that they would do their best in the discharge of their duties.

The General Secretary was then called upon to expound the aims and meaning of the Association. Rev. Fr. J. Madathil, the Spiritual Director, put in a word of advice to the newly enrolled members. He exhorted them to annihilate 'self' and work as a single unit for the common good.

The simple but impressive ceremony came to a close with the recital of the prayers of the C.W.A. and blessings from both the Rev. Fathers present.

NOTICES

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH, BROADWAY

Liturgical Week and Exhibition on the Holy Mass

His Grace, our beloved Archbishop, was shown our programme for a Liturgical Week and Exhibition in our Parish and with the greatest joy he has welcomed the idea and blessed it, assuring us that this would do very great good to our people in the Parish and also in the City. He is sorry not to be in the City for this occasion. His Lordship, our Auxiliary Bishop, has accepted most willingly to come and open this liturgical week and exhibition on the Holy Mass on the 27th of August. Everyone is invited to take part in this Liturgical Week. There will be services in the morning in Tamil and in the evening in English to benefit all, and a special Preacher has been in-

vited for the purpose. All the lectures of the week will be delivered by Very Rev. Fr. Eusebius, O.F.M. CAP., Guardian of Srirangam Friary.

LITURGICAL WEEK

August 27th to September 3rd

SUNDAY, 27 : 6.30 p.m. Opening of the Liturgical week by Rt. Rev. Mgr. F. Carvalho, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop.

MONDAY, 28. *Learn the Vestments of the Mass :*

5-30 Dialogue Mass. In Tamil.

6-30 Dialogue Mass. Priest will vest at the Altar.

6-30 p.m. Holy Mass. Rest as in the morning, but in English.

9—9.30 p.m. Adoration to obtain Grace to understand the Mass.

TUESDAY, 29. *Learn the Instruments of the Mass :*

5.30—6.30 Holy Mass with explanation of the instruments of the Mass, in Tamil. Every Communicant will offer his host to the celebrant.

6.30 p.m. Holy Mass. Rest as in the morning, but in English.

9—9.30 p.m. Adoration to obtain greater attendance at Mass.

WEDNESDAY, 30. *Learn the Actions of the Mass :*

5.30 and 6.30 Mass facing the people—Explanation of every rubric of the Mass in Tamil.

6.30 p.m. Holy Mass. Rest as in the morning, but in English.

9—9.30 p.m. Adoration to obtain that all may understand the Commandment of Sunday Mass.

THURSDAY, 31. *Learn participation in the Dialogue Mass :*

5.30 and 6.30 Dialogue Mass with the Priest, in Tamil. Bread and Wine offered by the Acolytes.

6.30 p.m. Holy Mass. The rest as in the morning, in English.

9—9.30 p.m. Adoration to understand the Participation in the Holy Mass by receiving Holy Communion.

FRIDAY, 1. *Learn the Mass of the Dead :*

5.30 and 6.30 Mass of the dead. Explanation of various parts of the Mass of the dead. Explanation of the absolution at the Catafalque, in Tamil.

6.30 p.m. Holy Mass. Rest as in the morning, in English.

9—9.30 p.m. Adoration to understand the duty to help the Souls in Purgatory by means of Holy Masses.

SATURDAY, 2. *Learn of other Masses besides the Latin Mass:* . . .
5.30 and 6.30 Mass in Syrian Rite—Explanation of it in Tamil.
6.30 p.m. Holy Mass in Syrian Rite—Explanation of it in English.
7.30 p.m. Public Mass-words Competition.

SUNDAY, 3: 5.15, 6.30, 7.45 and 9.00 a.m. *Holy Masses with Explanation.*

6.30 p.m. *Solemn High Mass* by Very Rev. Fr. Baracca, S.D.B.
Every Communicant will offer his host to the celebrant.

Examinations for Tamil-medium Schools

1. The next Arch-diocesan Inter-School Examinations in Christian Doctrine will be held for :—

(a) S.S.L.C., E.S.L.C., III Form and Senior Training classes on the 17th February 1962 at 10 a.m.

(b) For all other classes and forms on the 17th March 1962 at 10 a.m.

2. All the lists of names and fees for the examination should be sent before the 31st December 1961.

3. When a syllabus is followed for a class or form different from the prescribed syllabus of that particular class or form, instead of giving the actual name of the class or form in which the pupils are studying, please give the name of the class of the syllabus they are following.

4. Merit Certificates are awarded for scoring 75 marks and above. This year as the High Schools and the Higher Elementary have done very badly, a grace mark is added to pupils getting 74, so that they also may get Merit Certificates. As the Elementary Schools have done better, the privilege is not extended to Elementary Schools.

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(Mgr.) D. Raju.

Stella Maris College, Teynampet

Results of University Examinations, April 1961

| | No. appeared | I Class | II Class | III Class | Total Passes | Percent- age of Passes |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| M.A. Economics | 11 | — | 11 | — | 11 | 100 |
| M.A. English | 6 | 2 | 4 | — | 6 | 100 |
| M.A. Music | 5 | 1 | 4 | — | 5 | 100 |
| III B.A. | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Part I—English | 58 | — | 3 | 51 | 54 | 92 |
| Part II—Language | 57 | 11 | 18 | 28 | 57 | 100 |
| Part III—Main | 56 | 8 | 16 | 28 | 52 | 92 |
| III B.Sc. | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Part I—English | 55 | 1 | 13 | 37 | 50 | 90 |
| Part II—Language | 59 | 8 | 26 | 25 | 59 | 100 |
| Part III—Main : | | | | | | |
| Mathematics. | 22 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 22 | 100 |
| Zoology | 28 | 2 | 18 | 7 | 27 | 97 |
| II B.A.: | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Part I—English | 66 | — | — | — | 64 | 97 |
| Part II—Language | 66 | — | — | — | 66 | 100 |
| Part III—Ancillary | 69 | — | — | — | 62 | 90 |
| Part IV—Minors | 69 | — | — | — | 62 | 90 |
| II B.Sc.: | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Part I—English | 55 | — | — | — | 55 | 100 |
| Part II—Language | 56 | — | — | — | 53 | 96 |
| Part III—Ancillary | 57 | — | — | — | 55 | 97 |
| Part IV—Minors | 58 | — | — | — | 45 | 79 |
| Pre-University | 362 | 39 | 109 | 99 | 247 | 68 |

Results of Catholic Students

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| M.A. Economics | ... | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | 100 |
| M.A. English | ... | 3 | 1 | 2 | — | — | 100 |
| M.A. Music | ... | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| III B.A.: | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Part I—English | 10 | — | 1 | 7 | 8 | 80 | |
| Part II—Language | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 100 | |
| Part III—Main | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 100 | |
| III B.Sc.: | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Part I—English | 9 | — | 2 | 7 | 9 | 100 | |
| Part II—Language | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 100 | |
| Part III—Main | 9 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 100 | |
| II B.A. | ... | 10 | — | — | — | 9 | 90 |
| II B.Sc. | ... | 19 | — | — | — | 16 | 84 |

**Prize Winners in the Competitive Examinations
Held in 1961 for Tamil-medium Schools**

| Name | Marks | Name of School | Class |
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| TRAINING SCHOOLS | | | |
| 1. A. Amalarajam ... | 85 | St. Joseph's | Mylapore S. Sec. |
| 2. P. Lourduammal... | 73 | St. Joseph's | Mylapore S. Sec. |
| 1. L. Michaelammal | 78 | St. Joseph's | Mylapore S. Ele. |
| 2. R. Josephine Mary | 74 | St. Joseph's | Mylapore S. Ele. |
| HIGH SCHOOLS, HIGHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS | | | |
| 1. Manuel Mary ... | 86 | St. Anthony's | Mylapore VI Form |
| 2. Gasperaj ... | 79 | St. Joseph's | Chingleput , |
| 1. S. Cecili ... | 71 | St. Raphael's | Mylapore V Form |
| 2. J. Theresa ... | 70 | St. Philomena's | Vepery , |
| 1. S. Josephine Nir- mala | 91 | St. Raphael's | Mylapore VIII Std. |
| 2. M. J. Jhansi Rani | 76 | St. Raphael's | Mylapore , |
| 1. Miranda ... | 87 | St. Anthony's | Mylapore III Form |
| 2. S. Agnes ... | 84 | Sacred Heart | Kilacheri , |
| 1. J. Alphonse ... | 96 | St. Joseph's | Pannur II Form |
| 2. K. Kulandairaja ... | 93 | R.C.M. | Kottai- kuppam , |
| 1. Arokiadoss ... | 100 | St. Anthony's | Avadi I Form |
| 2. A. Lourdumary ... | 96 | R.C.M. | Kottai- kuppam , |
| 1. F. Othasai ... | 96 | R.C.M. | Sellam- pattida V Std. |
| 2. Michaela ... | 94 | St. Joseph's | Mylapore , |
| 1. G. Mariammal ... | 100 | St. Philomena's | Vepery , |
| 2. A. Baskinal Mary | 99 | St. Francis Xavier | Alwarpet , |

Winners of Shields

HIGH SCHOOLS

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| St. Mary's High School | ... | Chingleput | 60% |
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HIGHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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| St. Anthony's Higher Elementary School ... | Avadi | 71% |
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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| St. Francis Xavier's Elementary School ... | Kasimode | 79% |
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OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS

NOTE: The Solemn Blessing of the Presbytery and St. Joseph's Parish Church at Ennore by His Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop will be performed at 5 P.M. on Sunday the 3rd of September, after which His Grace will offer a low Mass. All parish priests are invited to be present with their parishioners.

It is recorded here that July 30, 1961 was observed in the Arch-diocese as a special Day of Prayer in all the Churches and Oratories for the speedy recovery of the President of India from his recent illness.

On this occasion I am instructed by His Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop to remind all Diocesan Priests that the Prayer prescribed by the Decree of the First Plenary Council of India No. 337 should never be omitted on the days mentioned in the same Decree.

20-7-1961: Very Rev. Fr. C. Vallogia, S.D.B., appointed and installed by His Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop as Rector of the Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Poonamallee.

24-7-1961: Rev. Fr. K. Jacob, S.D.B., appointed Vicarius Co-operator of St. Francis Xavier's Church in Broadway, Madras.

31-7-1961: Rev. Fr. Inniah Andra, Vicarius Co-operator of the Sacred Heart Church, Egmore, transferred and appointed Professor in the Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee.

7-8-1961: Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Kottaram appointed Parish Priest of St. John Baptist's Church in Poonamallee, to take charge on 12-8-1961.

“ Rev. Fr. Joseph Kottoor transferred and appointed Vicarius Cooperator in the Parish of Chintadripet, to take charge on 16-8-1961.

“ Rev. Fr. Joseph Kuncherakatt transferred and appointed Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church in Mulasur, to take charge on 16-8-1961.

“ Rev. Fr. A. J. Ross transferred and appointed Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church in Ennore, to take charge on 3-9-1961.

15-8-1961: Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of India. *Feast Day of obligation.* Missa pro populo.

22-8-1961: Titular Feast of the Votive Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Kilpauk. In this Church it is a I Class Feast with Office and Mass Festive throughout. In the

evening at 6-30 the archdiocesan Thanksgiving Service will be held.

25-8-1961: St. Louis, K.C., Onomastic Day of His Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore

26-8-1961: FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MYLAPORE, PRINCIPAL PATRONESS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE. First Class Feast with First Vespers on 25-8-1961: Diocesan Clergy (both secular and Religious) are bound to recite the Office and celebrate the Mass of the Feast. Office available in the Curia. Mass is given in the Missal in the Appendix pro aliquibus locis —Mediatrix Omnim Gratiarum (olim 31st. May).

27-8-1961: Sunday: Our Lady of Mylapore being the Principal Patroness of the Archdiocese, its external Solemnity is permitted on this Sunday. New Rubrics No. 358 (c).

4-9-1961: Clergy Monthly Recollection Day in San Thome.

5-9-1961: Clergy Monthly Recollection Day in St. Thomas' Mount.

By the external Solemnity of any feast is meant its celebration without Office, for the benefit of the faithful, either on the day on which it is impeded, or on a Sunday, when the feast occurs during the week....." N.R. No. 356. One high Mass and one low Mass, or two low Masses, may be said of a feast whose external solemnity is being celebrated, as Votive Masses of II Class. N.R. no. 360. This external Solemnity may be held in all Churches and Oratories of the Archdiocese, though exempt.

The Rev. Parish Priests and Heads of Institutions who have not yet submitted the annual Statistics are requested to do so without further delay so as to reach the Chancellor by the 15th. August 1961.

The Religious too belong to the Diocesan Clergy, as declared by His Holiness Pope John XXIII at the Roman Diocesan Synod. His Holiness has said that all the Clergy working in a Diocese are the Diocesan Clergy, although among them there are Secular or Religious.

To a question whether the practice in a certain place to use water only for the two ablutions in the Mass is lawful, it is replied that such a practice is *unlawful*, without an Apostolic Rescript. The Most Rev. Ordinary is in possession of an Apostolic Rescript to grant such an Indult. No such Indult has been granted now. It was formerly granted during the II World War, which has fortunately ended.

**A. Pereira de Andrade,
Chancellor.**